STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL

Re: Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System, PS Docket No. 15-94.

The Emergency Alert System helps us get the information we need during local, state, and national emergencies. In this Order, the system gets some needed care and attention. To this end, we establish an online filing system for State Emergency Alert Plans and broadly clarify what categories of information those plans should contain. This is a step forward and will improve the mechanics of filing state plans at this agency. But more work remains. The FCC can do more by acting as a convening force to report and incentivize best practices for emergency alerting. In addition, we need to act with dispatch on the other aspects of this docket that this Order does not address, including false alert reporting. Especially in light of the false emergency alert earlier this year in Hawaii, this work should be our priority.